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TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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SUBJ: ELECTRONIC PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL HAS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE WITH SELECTED POLISH JOURNALISTS AS RECOMMENDED REFTEL. OCTOBER 19 IS PRESENTLY SATISFACTORY, AND WE SHALL PLAN UPON IT, BUT IT WILL HAVE TO BE UNDERSTOOD BY PARTICIPANTS DATE MUST REMAIN FLEXIBLE TO ALLOW FOR POSSIBLE UNFORESEEN DEMANDS UPON MR. STOESEL'S SCHEDULE.

2. VTR TAPE WILL BE MADE IN ADVANCE AND SENT WARSAW. WE ASSUME EMBASSY HAS CONSIDERED TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES OF TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION FREQUENTLY EXPERIENCED IN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN WARSAW AND WASHINGTON AND WILL BE LEASING A LINE AND MAKING WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED THAT END TO INSURE A GOOD CIRCUIT. WE ASSUME THE LINE SHOULD BE RESERVED WELL IN ADVANCE. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN AT
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THIS POINT ABOUT LENGTHOF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW, BUT ARE

INCLINED TO THINK 45 MINUTES SHOULD BE MAXIMUM. WE SUGGEST
THAT LINE BE LEASED FOR ONE HOUR.

3. FOLLOWING UPON EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION, WE PRESENTLY
PLAN TO HAVE USIA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SHIRLEY INTRODUCE
MR. STOESSEL FOR HIS VTR STATEMENT AND PERHAPS AT
BEGINNING OF INTERVIEW OVER THE VOICE CIRCUIT.

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